

Status of Federal Wind Power Policy & Impact on the Green Power Market

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Standard Market Design & Interconnection

- Wind is “square peg in a round hole”
 - Intermittent
 - Site-specific, often rural
 - Small, with short construction lead time
- SMD & Interconnection NOPRs designed to make markets more efficient, which could make a big difference in cost and availability of wind power



Production Tax Credit

- Extension to 2006 included in both House & Senate bill
- Now in conference – duration still in question
- Lowers price of electricity to make it more accessible to customers



Renewable Portfolio Standard

- RPS passed by Senate, now in conference committee
- Texas example shows how RPS can enable green power markets to flourish by creating a supply of reasonably-priced renewable energy
- Can create incentives to solve transmission issues



Clean Air Act

- Expect to see amendment to the Clean Air Act before 2004 elections
- Without set-asides or direct allocation for renewables, would strip wind projects of ability to claim emissions reductions
- Output based compliance that includes NO_x , SO_2 and CO_2 could add revenue stream of 0.4 - 0.5 cents per kWh



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